



# Indiana State Excise Police News Release

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## **For Immediate Release**

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## **Indiana State Excise Police Issue 127 Tickets Saturday**

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind.** – Indiana State Excise Police officers issued 127 summonses during Indiana University's football game Saturday, November 17, 2007. Officers issued 115 people summonses on 127 charges in Bloomington, primarily in and around the Red Lot tailgating area bordered by 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Woodlawn Avenue, 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Indiana Avenue. Only one person was issued a warning ticket.

Most summonses issued this weekend were for illegal consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages. The following is a list of the charges:

- \*One hundred thirteen (113) minors were charged with illegal possession, consumption or transportation of alcoholic beverages.
- \*Three (3) tickets were issued for possession of false identification.
- \*Two (2) adults were charged with furnishing alcoholic beverages to a minor.
- \*Nine (9) additional charges were filed for possession of marijuana, false informing, and resisting law enforcement.

Several people were incarcerated in lieu of being issued summonses.

Excise officers issued 88 tickets during IU's last home football game, Nov. 3.

"Saturday's totals represent a significant increase over previous home football games, particularly for underage drinking," Officer Travis Thickstun said. "The tailgating crowd was the largest I have seen in some time. Clearly, if more officers were available, we could have issued more tickets in the Red Lot and surrounding areas."

Those who received summonses today were given various court dates in January and February, when they will make an initial appearance.

During the football game, excise officers were assisted by officers from I.U. Police Department, Bloomington Police Department and Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on enforcing Indiana's alcohol and tobacco statutes.